(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government on the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) An Indian Tea delegation had recently visited Pakistan. The present balance of trade between India and Pakistan is in Pakistan's favour. Exports of tea to Pakistan are linked to overall import and export of goods between India and Pakistan and the present tea import policy of Pakistan.

Political organisations debarred from receiving foreign contribution

2813. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of organisations of a political nature not being political parties, which have been debarred from receiving foreign contribution without prior permission;

(b) what are their names and addresses;

(c) the amount received by them during the last three years and the action, if any, taken against them; and

(d) the number of trade unions, student organisations and religious institutions included in the list of such organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) A list of 147 organisations of a political nature not being political parties which require prior permission under section 5(1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, for acceptance of any foreign contribution is enclosed as Annexure I. The amount of foreign contribution receipt of which has been reported by such organisations is at Annexure II. [See Appendix CXLV, Annexure No 98.]

Aid from Japan

2814. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 26th February, 1988, where in it has been stated that Japanese aid for India is again coming very soon;

(b) if so, what is the estimated aid likely to be received; and

(c) for what purpose it will be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Bilateral soft loan assistance from Japan to India is extended on an annual basis and is pledged at the annual Aid India Consortium meeting held in Paris usually in the month of June each year. The amount of assistance to be pledged by Japan to India for 1988-89 will be known only after the Aid India Consortium Meeting in June, 1988. Project proposals are still at the discussion stage and would be finalised only at about the time the aid amount becomes known.